

have predisposed Mm to laziness, but he mastered any such inclination by compelling himself to do a certain amount of work every day. As a rule he then wrote quite sufficient "copy" to form three pages of one of his books, in addition to occasional newspaper articles. He also carried on an extensive correspondence, yet the only time when lie had recourse to secretarial help was the period of tie Dreyfus case. *Nulla dies sine linea* was a motto he had adopted early in life, and lest it should be forgotten it was graven in letters of gold over the fireplace of his large study at If fdan, where most of his books were written.

At M&Ian he rose at eight o'clock, went for an hour's stroll, seating himself at his writing table at nine and writing till one o'clock, usually on an empty stomach, for after he had resolved to conquer his corpulence his first meal consisted generally of a mere crust of bread, though now and again he might partake of a couple of eggs "on tlie plate," wMclic to please him had to be cooked to a nicety. At one o'clock he lunched; and then, perhaps, came a short nap, after which, he either read the papers or worked at an article or went out walking, cycling, or boating. If lie were at home in the afternoon, he drank a cup of tea, and this carried him on till dinner, which was served at half-past seven. Afterwards, if friends were staying

with him,
there might be a game of billiards or a quiet
chat over
another cup of tea. For some years he drank
nothing at
all with Ms meals, at which he preferred his
fish fried and
his meat grilled; but later he allowed himself
a glass of
water, and on a hot afternoon, if he were
thirsty, he now
and then indulged in a little white wine and
eau de Seltz.